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Seventh Annual Neighbors Day Akron is Saturday, May 25th, 2013

Living Together Better

Akron, Ohio (May 8, 2013) - Akron's Seventh Annual Neighbors Day is Saturday, May 25, 2013. Neighbors Day Akron is designed to help residents get to know one another, especially those in closest proximity. The concept is simple: Know your neighbors, and friendlier, safer neighborhoods will follow.

"Neighbors Day is a concept that I saw in action while conducting business in other countries," said Mayor Don Plusquellic. "Residents throughout Europe all host Neighbors Day, bringing their residents closer together to promote peaceful living. I wanted to do the same for our residents. I truly believe that the closer we are as a community and the more we know our neighbors, the less violence we will experience in our neighborhoods."

Residents are encouraged to host an event such as:

- Invite neighbors over for tea or coffee
- Have a cookout with people from your block
- Organize a pot luck picnic or an ice cream social
- Host games or sports for neighbor children (adults can mingle while the children play)
- Organize a neighborhood cleanup day
- Weed or plant flowers in a public space or for a neighbor in need
- Organize a street party (application and permit required)
- Plan an event that fits your personality and your neighborhood

Faith-based organizations are also scheduling community outreach programs for Neighbors Day, with many organizations planning on attending neighborhood events.

If you decide to plan a neighborhood activity event, you should register your event. Registering is fast and easy; just call 3-1-1, the City of Akron's Information Center, between the hours of 6:30 am-11:30 pm, Monday through Friday. (From any residential phone inside Akron, press 311. All other phones, call 330-375-2311).

Residents may also register and learn more by going to: www.neighborsdayakron.org.

Upon registering with the City, you will gain access to a number of benefits:

- Neighbors will be able to locate your event.
- Get help and access to City Services you may need to make your event a success, like mowing a green space, or closing a street (street closure applications must be submitted by May 10).
- As a registered Neighbors Day captain you will be permitted additional trash bags outside of your City of Akron container to be picked up on your regularly scheduled pick-up day following your May 25th gathering (this is a one-time pick-up only).

- You will be given a personal follow-up phone call to get your ideas for Neighbors Day Akron 2014.
- You will be provided with invitations and flyers to tell where your Neighbors Day event is being held. Just add your name, address, and time of your event so neighbors know when and where to arrive!

The city, in conjunction with outside businesses and/or organizations, is sponsoring 12 sites. Those sites are as listed below. People living near these sites are encouraged to attend the event in their area.

Ed Davis Community Center 730 Perkins Park Dr. 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM Sponsored by: Papa John's Pizza, Waterloo Road 	Ellet Community Center 2449 Wedgewood Dr. 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Firestone Park Community Center 1480 Girard St. 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Joy Park Community Center 825 Fuller St. 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Sponsored by: Papa John's Pizza, E. Market Street 
Kenmore Community Center 880 Kenmore Blvd. 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM Sponsored by: Kenmore Community Council	Lawton Street Community Center 1225 Lawton St. 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM Sponsored by: Papa John's Pizza, W. Market Street 
Mason Park Community Center 700 East Exchange St. 11:00 to 1:00 PM Sponsored by: University Park Alliance	Patterson Park Community Center 800 Paterson Ave. 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Reservoir Park Community Center 1735 Hillside Terrace 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM Sponsored by: The R.I.G.H.T. Committee	Summit Lake Community Center 280 Croiser St. 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
(Stand-in site for Northwest Community Center) Woodland United Methodist Church 444 North Hawkins Ave. For event time call (330) 836-9777	Celebration Church 688 Dan St. 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM